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INFORMATION REPORT

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SUBJECT	1. 5th PS Brigade at	Cheb	DATE DISTR.	30 March 1	30 March 1953		
	 PS Equipment and Training Observation Post at Goethest 		NO. OF PAGES	2			
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1. The	CO of the 5th PS (Border						
Ryse	rne der	outy commander a	and pölitical officer	is 1st Lt.	25		
2. The	5th PS Brigade has the f	Collowing battal	ions:	•			
a. b. c.	The 1st Battalion at Hra The 2nd Battalion at As. The 3rd and 4th Battalio						
or ware	dispensary of the brigad counds; serious cases are male. The CO of the dis 3 October 1952.	sent to a civi	lian hospital in As.	All nurses			
and Stit	CO of the 2nd Battalion political officer is Lt. The ary, Novy Zdar, Hazlov, Selb company (Selbska ro	Homolak (fnu) companies of the and Polna. The	e 2nd Battalion are l		25		
the of t the comp	June 1952, a commission consisting of border guard officers of all e People's Democratic nations, including China, visited the 10th Company the 2nd Battalion at Novy Zdar These officers observed e wire obstacles in the area with field glasses, held no conversation with mpany personnel, and returned to 5th Brigade Headquarters at Cheb. The mmission rode in automobiles with Prague license plates.						
assi near	ording to regulations, ea gned to the 10th Company Lubenec (N51/P98), and hat the company had only	, however, one another in trai	was in a dog hospital	in Mlynce,),		
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- 7. The erection of barbed wire entaglements and other obstacles in the As Cheb area was begun in January 1952. Live electric wire was strung between the barbed wire in March 1952. The laying of mimerields began in April 1952. The mines are mostly of a type which explodes when the tripwire is subjected to a pull of as much as three kg. They are mostly of a new Czechoslovak type, in the shape of an artillery shell and with a lethal range of 150 meters. The men in the units were forbidden to go closer to the minefields than 200 meters and each one had to sign a declaration that he knew he was forbidden to approach the mined area. Nevertheless, when a hare or deer detonated a mine the PS men were ordered by the Company CO to bring out the animal.
- 8. The PS is to be reinforced with units of tanks, artillery, anti-tank weapons and anti-aircraft artillery.
- Cavalry training started with all PS companies in August 1952. At the beginning
 of that month two men from the 10th Company were sent to riding school at As
 and later at Cheb.
- 10. The number of Slovaks in PS units is constantly decreasing. In the last bath of PS recruits the number of Slovaks was one-half that of last year.

 this is the deliberate policy of the Ministry of National Defense.
- ll. Goethestein is an isolated house which was formerly used as an inn and is located between Hazlov (M51/P17) and Novy Zdar. A small tower, about three m. high, was erected above the inn and is ased as an observation post. No radar or other equipment or instruments were observed in this area.

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